PRESIDENT: I have received a short notice question namely :—

"Whether Government will be pleased to state who conducted the prosecution against the Directors of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank case before the District Magistrate ; who paid for the Special Prosecutor engaged for the purpose ; what is the amount paid ; whether the case has been committed to the Sessions ; and if so, whether Government propose to engage any Special Prosecutor from outside and whether they have considered the cost of it ?"

This question will be answered tomorrow.

I have received a motion for adjournment from Mr. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai.

"I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely the increasing hardships and helplessness caused to Travancoreans, already suffering from the dumping of Ceylon copra and the imposition of prohibitive import duties on several Travancore goods, by the recent ban imposed in the immigration of unskilled Indian labour into Ceylon and the disbanding of daily paid workers in Ceylon Government service."

The matter is of urgent public importance and I consider that the motion can be discussed. I wish to know whether anybody objects to that.

Since no objection is forthcoming, the motion will be discussed tomorrow after the other business of Government is over. I don't fix the time at 3 0' clock because it is not expected that Government business tomorrow will take more than two or three hours. So, at the end of it the adjournment motion will be discussed.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN.

The following member took the oath and signed the Rolls.

Mr. E. G. Salter (*Superintendent of Transport*) :

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND XV—INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY—(*contd.*)

Motion No. 570—(*contd.*)

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, I was explaining last evening what was being done in regard to the organising of the smaller industries. I have also indicated how it is proposed to take up the question of a survey of our industries, along with the next census. I was dealing with the question of the utilisation of electricity for the development of our industries, when the House adjourned last evening.

Sir, electricity can be used mainly for two or three industrial purposes, (1) as motive power, (2) to bring about chemical changes, and (3) to induce magnetism for the separation of mineral sands. Of these three, we are mainly concerned only with the first two.

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